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The Chargé d'Affaires presents his compliments to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State and has the honour to summarize in this Note, as requested by the latter, the subject of a conversation between them on the Volta River Project at the State Department on June 18, 1959.

The Chargé opened the discussion by thanking the Deputy Assistant Secretary for arranging the meeting at short notice and conveyed a request from the Prime Minister of Ghana that the State Department emphasize to the World Bank the desirability of the Bank completing its current study of the Kaiser Reassessment Report by the end of September 1959. The Chargé explained the reason for this request by reminding the Deputy Assistant Secretary that the preliminary works currently being carried out at Kosombo by the Kaiser Engineers would be completed by the end of 1959 and that the need for the Ghana Government to decide on follow-up action thereafter was of great political consequence in Ghana.

The Chargé reiterated the important political significance to Ghana of the whole Volta River Project and urged the continued efforts of the State Department to advance the Project.

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The Chargé consulted with the Deputy Assistant Secretary regarding the desirability of the Ghana Embassy making a similar emphasis on the lines of the above to the World Bank and was assured of the value of such an approach.

Further, the Chargé took opportunity of the occasion to inquire what the State Department's views were concerning the Steering Negotiating Committee and a Time Table proposed by the Ambassador at a previous meeting at the State Department. The Deputy appeared inclined to favour the continuance of the current system of ad hoc consultations but promised to re-examine the two proposals again.

The Deputy Assistant Secretary briefed the Chargé on the present position regarding the Volta River Project discussions, as known to the State Department, and discussed with him the forthcoming meeting of Mr. C. Calhoun, Vice-President of Kaiser Industries with the Prime Minister of Ghana.

25th June, 1959.

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